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PRODUCTION OF STEEL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed and achieved in steel production in the country during Eighth Five Year Plan periods;

(b) whether the production of steel has declined during the above period;

(c) if so, reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to increase production of steel in Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the steps, taken/proposed to be taken to achieve the target?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL
(SHRI DILIP RAY)

(a) The actual crude steel prduction in 1994-95, the terminal year for original VIII Five Year Plan was 19.77 million tonnes as against the estimated production of 24.92 million tonnes assessed by the Working Group on Iron and Steel for the VIII Five Year Plan set up by Planning Commission.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) & (e): As per the projections made by the Working Group on Iron and Steel for the IX Five Year Plan, set up by Planning Commission, the production of finished steel will reach 38.01 million tonnes by 2001-02, the terminal year of IX Five Year Plan. To help the industr4y achieve the above target, Government has taken several steps to boost the demand for steel which inter-alia include:-

- Orienting product-mix to suit the market requirements and adjusting Production in tune with change in the market demand.

- Developing and nourishing long term customers relationship by entering into MOUs/supply arrangement with the customers.

- A `Steel Exporters Forum` has been set up to help steel exporters to overcome bottlenecks in exports.

- To boost the demand and consumption of steel, the Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel (DCI&S) has launched a National Campaign for increasing the demand for steel especially in non-traditional sectors such as rural and agro based industrial sector.

- Rationalisation of Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) rates for steel Exports have been carried out to boost exprots.

- An Empowered Committee has been set up to examine and assist specific Research and Development Projects to improve technology for steel making & enhance quality of Indian Steel.